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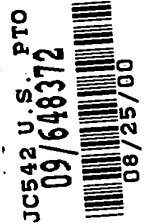
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
Title: PATTERN INSPECTION APPARATUS, PATTERN
INSPECTION METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers, which are not in the English language, for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d) and § 608.01 of the MPEP, Filing of Non-English Language Applications:

1. Non-English application - 43 pages, including 1 independent claim and 19 claims total.
2. Drawings - 49 sheets of formal drawings, containing 68 figures.
3. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 11-239586, filed on August 26, 1999 and 2000-078847, filed on March 21, 2000.
4. Check in the amount of \$690.00 represents the filing fee.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

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Applicant claims the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application Nos. 11-239586, filed on August 26, 1999 and 2000-078847, filed on March 21, 2000.

An English translation of the non-English language papers will be filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office within the required time period.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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